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DP Barcode : D158131 : 113501 PC Code No. **EFGWB Out** : 3/15/93 TO: Peg Perreault Product Manager # 73 Special Review and Reregistration Division (H7508W) FROM: Elizabeth Behl, Head Ground Water Technology Section Environmental Fate & Ground Water Branch/EFED (H7507C) THRU: Henry Jacoby, Chief Environmental Fate & Ground Water Branch/EFED (H750) Attached, please find the EFGWB review of... Reg./File # Common Name: Metalaxyl Product Name: Ridomil, Subdue Company Name: Ciba : Regulatory Options for Metalaxyl and Waiver of Requirement for Retrospective Ground-Water Purpose Monitoring Studies Type Product : Fungicide EFGWB #(s): 91-0141, 90-0510, 90-0429, 90-0383 Total Review Time = $\underline{2.0}$ days Action Code :665, 660 EFGWB Guideline/MRID/Status Summary Table: The review in this package contains... 161-1 162-4 164-4 166-1 161-2 163-1 164-5 166-2 161-3 163-2 165-1 166-3 165-2 167-1 161-4 163-3 162-1 164-1 165-3 167-2 165-4 162-2 164-2 201-1 162-3 164-3 165-5 202-1

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S = Supplemental (Study provided useful information, but Guideline was not satisfied) N = Unacceptable (Study was rejected)/Non-Concur

1. CHEMICAL:

Chemical name: N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)-alanine methyl ester

Common name: Metalaxyl

Trade name(s): Ridomil, Subdue, Apron, Ridomil/Bravo

Structure:

2. TEST MATERIAL:

Not Applicable.

3. STUDY/ACTION TYPE:

Recommendation of regulatory actions for metalaxyl and waiver of small-scale retrospective studies.

4. STUDY IDENTIFICATION:

Title(s): 1) Letter from Karen Stumpf to Lois Rossi; Metalaxyl Use Information; Metalaxyl Market Direction

Identifying No.: 0081 Record Number: 259,902 Date Sent to EFED: 2/23/90

2) Protocol: Small-Scale Retrospective Ground-Water Monitoring Study for Metalaxyl

Identifying No.: 0081 Record Number: 260,696 Date Sent to EFED: 3/8/90

3) Response to US Environmental Protection Agency Review on "Monitoring Domestic Supply Wells for Metalaxyl"

Identifying No.: 0081 Record Number: 262,730 Date Sent to EFED: 4/13/90

4) Small-Scale Retrospective Ground-Water Monitoring Study for Metalaxyl - Site Characterization Reports for Florida, California, and Wisconsin

Identifying No.: 113501

DP Barcode: 158131

Date Sent to EFED: 11/15/90

Submitted for:

Ciba Corporation Agricultural Division P.O. Box 18300 Greensboro, NC 27419

5.	REVIEWED	BY:

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Hydrologist

OPP/EFED/EFGWB/Ground-Water Section

Date: 3/9/93

6. APPROVED BY:

Elizabeth Behl

Signature:

Acting Section Head

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CASE: 819456 DATA PACKAGE RECORD DATE: 03/15/93
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CASE TYPE: REREGISTRATION ACTION: 635 PROPOSED TEST PROT SUBM

CHEMICALS: 113501 Metalaxyl 100.00 %

ID#: 113501 COMPANY:

PRODUCT MANAGER: 73 LINDA PROPST 703-308-8165 ROOM: CS1 2L5
PM TEAM REVIEWER: CAROL PETERSON / 703-305-6598 ROOM: CM2 1121A

RECEIVED DATE: 10/19/90 DUE OUT DATE: 01/27/91

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CHEMICAL: 113501 Metalaxyl

DP TYPE: 001 Submission Related Data Package

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(EPA Form 8570-4) Attached (Trade Secrets)

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C. Inert Ingredients

1 = data in support of continued use of List 1 inert

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OFFICE OF PREVENTION. PESTICIDES AND TOXIC **SUBSTANCES** March 9, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Lois Rossi

Chief, Reregistration Branch

Special Review and Registration Division (H7508W) EBeh C. E. Waldm

FROM:

Elizabeth Behl, Estella Waldman

Ground Water Technology Section

Environmental Fate and Ground Water Branch (H7507C)

THRU:

Henry Jacoby

Chief, Environmental Fate and Ground Water Branch

Environmental Fate and Effects Division (H7507C)

RE:

Regulatory Options for Metalaxyl and Waiver of Requirement for

Retrospective Ground-Water Monitoring Studies

The December 1981 Registration Standard for metalaxyl required the completion of groundwater monitoring studies in order to register the compound. In 1987, EPA recommended that retrospective studies be conducted for metalaxyl (memo: Simko to Rossi, 8/19/87) because of its long history of use and the potential for metalaxyl and its major degradate to reach ground water based on its environmental fate characteristics. A study protocol and three site selection reports were submitted to EFGWB by the registrant. Recently, several discussions about this chemical have debated the purpose of the retrospective studies (see attached memorandum).

Metalaxyl was not one of the analytes in the "National Survey of Pesticides in Drinking Water Wells" (NPS). The 1992 "Pesticides in Ground Water Database" reports detections of metalaxyl of up to 3 ppb in ground water from North Carolina and Tennessee. Although it is difficult to assess the range of detections from available sources, there are data which indicate that metalaxyl is a ground-water contaminant, and that it has been detected in ground water at levels ranging from 0.27 to 236 ppb (see attached memo). The MCL for metalaxyl has been estimated to be approximately 400 ppb.

EFGWB believes that sufficient information is available to regulate metalaxyl, and that additional ground-water studies are not necessary at this time. The information is as follows:

- laboratory studies indicate that the compound is both persistent and mobile.
- metalaxyl has been detected in ground water at levels ranging from 0.27 to 236 ppb. These residues can be attributed to normal agricultural use of the compound.
- ♦ an estimated MCL for metalaxyl is 400 ppb (most of the known detections in ground water are less than 10% of this estimated figure).
- ♦ the compound is not oncogenic, mutagenic, or teratogenic, and its acute toxicity is low. There are no known adverse environmental effects such as toxicity to nontarget plants or animals.

Therefore, EFGWB recommends the following regulatory actions for metalaxyl:

1) a ground-water advisory should be added to all metalaxyl labels. The advisory should state:

"This chemical is known to leach through soil into ground water under certain conditions as a result of agricultural use. Use of this chemical in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow, may result in ground-water contamination."

2) metalaxyl should be classified as a Restricted Use compound for ground-water concerns. The Restricted Use Rule requires that a chemical trigger certain persistence and mobility parameters; it also must exhibit a number of detections in ground water. Metalaxyl is rarely chosen as an analyte in most monitoring studies and for this reason, limited monitoring data are available for the compound. However, if more ground-water studies analyzed for metalaxyl, the compound would undoubtedly meet the triggers for Restricted Use (see attached table).

Physical and Chemical Characteristics of METALAXYL Relative to EPA Restricted Use Criteria (Option 2)

		CHARACTERISTIC	RESTRICTED USE CRITERIA	REPORTED VALUE
	1	Field dissipation half-life	> 3 weeks, or	38 - 56 days (S) ¹
PERSISTENCE	2	Lab-derived aerobic soil metabolism half-life	> 3 weeks, or	7 weeks (S) ¹
	3	Hydrolysis half-life	< 10% in 30 days, or	115 - 200 days (V) ¹
	4	Photolysis half-life	< 10% in 30 days, and	Water: 1 week (V) Soil: Stable (V)
MOBILITY	5	Soil adsorption: K _d	≤ 5 ml/g, or	0.43 - 0.48 ml/g (sand)(S) 0.87 ml/g (silt loam)(S) ¹ 1.40 (sandy clay loam)(S) ¹
	6	Soil adsorption: K _{oc}	≤ 500 ml/g, or	16 ml/g (S) ¹
	7	Depth of leaching in field dissipation study	75 cm, and	91 - 122 cm (S) ¹
DETECTIONS	8	Number of wells and states with detections	25 wells in 4 or more states, or	23 wells in 4 states*
	9	Number of counties with detections > 10% of MCL/HA	3 counties at >40 ppb	1 county above 40 ppb*

Shaded area indicates that parameter exceeds trigger.

Option 2 requires [(1 or 2 or 3 or 4) and (5 or 6 or 7)] and (8 or 9) *monitoring for metalaxyl has only been conducted in 5 states

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Lois Rossi

Chief, Reregistration Branch (H7508W)

FROM:

Henry Jacoby

Chief, Environmental Fate and Ground Water Branch (H7507C)

RE:

Requirement for Retrospective Ground-Water Monitoring Studies for

Metalaxyl

PURPOSE:

Retrospective ground-water monitoring studies have been required for the registration of the chemical metalaxyl. A study protocol and three site selection reports have been received by EFGWB. At this time, we are uncertain about how to proceed with this compound, and need a decision from you regarding which regulatory options we should follow. The options, from our perspective, are outlined in this memo. We would like to meet with you to discuss these options and obtain your input sometime in mid-July.

BACKGROUND:

The December 1981 Registration Standard for metalaxyl required the completion of ground-water monitoring studies for registration of the compound. In 1985, Ciba-Geigy voluntarily submitted information regarding detections of metalaxyl in ground water (EAB # 6330). Ciba-Geigy reported detections of metalaxyl in Florida ground water at 3.1 and 4.7 ppb; and in the surface water of the Sacramento River, California. Because of a lack of detailed information about the well construction and aquifer depths, the submitted information was judged inconclusive. In 1987, EPA recommended that retrospective studies be conducted for metalaxyl (memo: Simko to Rossi, 8/19/87) because of its long history of use and the potential for metalaxyl and its major degradate to reach ground water based on its environmental fate characteristics.

Laboratory studies indicate that metalaxyl is persistent and mobile in the environment. Results of laboratory and field leaching studies indicate that both the parent and the primary degradate (CGA-62826) may leach in most soils (Metalaxyl Registration Standard, 1987). Tests indicate that metalaxyl is not oncogenic, mutagenic, or teratogenic, and that

acute toxicity is low (memo: Barbehenn to Rossi, 7/17/87). The MCL and HAL for metalaxyl have not been established.

The following information describes the existing monitoring data for metalaxyl that are presently available to the EPA:

GROUND-WATER SAMPLING:

- 1) A ground-water monitoring study was conducted in Suwanee County, Florida in 1980. No residues of metalaxyl or its degradate CGA-62826 were found in any of the ground-water samples from Day 26 to Day 227. Metalaxyl residues were detected in soil samples on Days 26 and 85 at concentrations ranging from 59 to 670 ppb. Residues were detected to a depth of two feet.
- 2) A ground-water monitoring study was conducted from 1980 1982 for metalaxyl on the Tobacco Experimental Farm in Maryland. Soil sample residues ranged from 2.5 to 6080 ppb from Day 0 (the day of application) to 135 days after application. Up to 3710 ppb were detected in the 0" 18" soil sample 121 days after application. Ground-water samples contained metalaxyl residues ranging from 0.002 to 0.236 ppm were detected from the day of application to 30 days after application. No detections were noted in ground-water samples after the 30-day sampling round.
- 3) Four wells in Florida were monitored for metalaxyl from 1983 1985. Two ground-water samples yielded positive results; concentrations were 3.1 and 4.7 ppb. However, water tables in these wells were deep (>100 feet).
- 4) A monitoring study for metalaxyl was done in Oregon from 1983 1985. Inadequate information was submitted and no conclusions were drawn.
- 5) Twelve drinking water wells were monitored in North Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee from 1986 1988. Four of the North Carolina wells contained metalaxyl residues; one well in Tennessee also contained residues. No residues were detected in the Florida wells. Metalaxyl was found in ground water because of normal use of the compound at concentrations ranging from 0.27 to 3.0 ppb. The highest concentrations were found in wells located up to 500 feet from the treated area. There are several problems with the study including: age of the wells (many were very old); screened intervals were unknown; only four wells were sampled in each use area; distances from use area to sampled well were variable and ranged from 10 to 600 feet; information about ground-water flow direction was inadequate; and CGA-62826 was not monitored.
- 6) Metalaxyl and CGA-62826 were detected in ground water in western Washington in 1992. The 6(a)2 information did not report residue levels or exact well locations.
- 7) Metalaxyl detections in ground water were reported in North Carolina as 6(a)2 information in 1992. The detections ranged from 66 815 ppb at one location in the

eastern part of the state, and have been attributed to point source (mixing/loading) problems. No information is available about the exact location of the well or the conditions pertaining to this detection.

SURFACE WATER SAMPLING:

1) Surface water samples were taken from the Sacramento River in California from 1983 - 1985. During the second and third years of sampling, metalaxyl residue concentrations ranged from 0.25 to 3.5 ppb. A drinking water well which drew water from the river was also tested; no residues were detected.

REGULATORY OPTIONS:

Metalaxyl has been detected in ground water in several states as a result of field monitoring studies. Concentrations in ground water range up to 4.7 ppb from normal field use of the compound, and up to 3 ppb have been detected in wells located approximately 500 feet from treated fields.

At this point, from our perspective, the Agency has several regulatory options with respect to metalaxyl:

- 1) A ground-water label advisory for all metalaxyl formulations can be established.
- 2) An MCL or lifetime Health Advisory for metalaxyl should be developed. Metalaxyl is not considered to be toxic at relatively high levels; however, these levels should be quantified, considering the concentrations that have been detected in drinking water in North Carolina.
- 3) Restrictions on use sites or usage rates for metalaxyl can be imposed.
- 4) Metalaxyl can be classified as a restricted use chemical.
- 5) Metalaxyl could be managed via State Management Plans.

Sufficient information is currently available to EFGWB to recommend Options 1, 2, and 4. EFGWB has required three small-scale retrospective studies on metalaxyl use for which inadequate monitoring data exist. This information is needed prior to the recommendation of Option 3. It would also be useful for representatives of EFGWB to meet with you to discuss further regulatory options and conditions under which the retrospective ground-water monitoring studies may no longer be necessary. Please let me know at your earliest convenience about the date when a meeting can be arranged.

cc: Daniel Barolo
Anne Barton
Estella Waldman

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Common Name: METALAXYL

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PC Code # :113501 CAS #:57837-19-1

Caswell #:

Chem. Name: N-(2,6-DIMETHYLPHENYL)-N-(METHOXYACETYL)-ALANINE

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Action Type: FUNGICIDE

Trade Names: APRON 25WP; CGA 48988; RIDOMIL (Formul'tn): EC 2 LBS/GAL; FLOWABLE CONC.

Physical State:

Use : CONTROL OF SOIL-BORNE DISEASES CAUSED BY PYTHIUM AND PHYTO-

Patterns : PHORA, AND FOLIAR DISEASES CAUSED BY DOWNY MILDEW.

(% Usage):

Empirical Form:

 $^{\mathrm{C_{15}H_{21}NO_{4}}}_{279.34}$ Molecular Wgt.: Vapor Pressure: 2.20E -6 Torr

Melting Point : 71.8-72.C °C Boiling Point: °C Log Kow 0 °C pKa:

Atm. M3/Mol (Measured) Henry's E 1.14E-10 (calc'd)

Comments

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Hydrolysis (161-1)

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Soil Partition Coefficient (Kd) (163-1) [S] 0.43-0.48 SAND [S] 0.87 SILT LOAM [S] 1.40 SANDY CLAY LOAM [] [] []
Soil Rf Factors (163-1) [S] 70% IN LEACHATE [] [] [] [] [] [] []
Laboratory Volatility (163-2) [S] LOSS DUE TO VOLATILIZATION SHOULD BE <0.5%. []
Field Volatility (163-3) [] []
Terrestrial Field Dissipation (164-1) [S] 2 WK (SOIL?). MAJOR DEGRADATE PEAKED DURING THE FIRST [] MONTH AT 20%, DECLINED TO 0.5% OF THE APPLIED AT A YEAR. [] HOWEVER, IN ANOTHER STUDY THE AMT. REMAINING IN A YEAR WAS [] 23% OF THAT APPLIED. [] [] 3 STUDIES PRODUCED HALF-LIVES OF 38, 50 AND 56 DAYS. PARENT AND [] CGA LEACHED TO 36-48" SOIL DEPTH [] [] []
Aquatic Dissipation (164-2) [S] 20 DAYS FROM PADDY WATER AND 24 DAYS FROM SOIL. [S] 5 DAYS FROM PADDY WATER AND 11 DAYS FROM SOIL. [] [] [] [] []
Forestry Dissipation (164-3) [] [] PAGE: 3

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Long-Term Soil Dissipation (164-5) [] []
Accumulation in Rotational Crops, Confined (165-1) [S] LETTUCE11 PPM; OATS (WHOLE PLANT) .33; [] CORN .06 PPM; SOYBEANS 0.8 PPM; SUGARBEETS .16 PPM.
Accumulation in Rotational Crops, Field (165-2) [S] PLANTED IN ROTATION TO POTATOES: CORN .02 PPM; [] SUGARBEETS <.05 IN ROOTS; SOYBEANS .83 PPM
Accumulation in Irrigated Crops (165-3) [] []
Bioaccumulation in Fish (165-4) [] BLUEGILL 1X EDIB; 14X VISC; 6X WHOLE [] CATFISH 1X EDIB; 1X VISC; 1X WHOLE
Bioaccumulation in Non-Target Organisms (165-5) [S] NO ADVERSE EFFECTS EXPECTED ON AVIAN, MAMMALIAN, [] OR FRESHWATER AQUATIC SPECIES.
Ground Water Monitoring, Prospective (166-1) [] [] [] []
Ground Water Monitoring, Small Scale Retrospective (166-2) [] Requirement for ground-water monitoring studies has been [] waived pending regulatory action. [] []
Ground Water Monitoring, Large Scale Retrospective (166-3) [] [] [] []
Ground Water Monitoring, Miscellaneous Data (158.75) [S] METALAXYL HAS BEEN REPORTED IN GROUND WATER IN FLORIDA, [] NORTH CAROLINA, AND TENNESSEE. Concentrations range from 0.27- [] 236 ppb.

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Comments

Parent compound leached rapidly in sand soils with up to 92% of radioactivity recovered in leachate. In SdClIm soils, majority of radioact. was in 6-12 cm soil with less than 0.4% in leachate. Soil Koc = 16.

References:

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